

**J anuary 2021**



*Light Up Our Legacy*

## **MEMORIAL SWINGING BRIDGE PROJECT**

### Things To Do When You Visit Winamac

While planning your visit to Winamac, for the near future or for the rededication ceremony, take advantage of several tourism opportunities. This month, we feature motorsports.

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*Thank  
You*

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## **MILITARY MOMENT**

**The Winamac Journal March 24, 1883**

Mr. N. B. Barron, the reliable and efficient pension and bounty agent, of Logansport, has secured pensions for a large number of Pulaski county soldiers. The last one is a pension for Jasper N. Brown, of Winamac, who was a member of Co G, 51st Ind regiment. He will receive \$4 per month, dating from November 12, 1864, which will aggregate about \$900.

## Memories



memories!

Tom Jones (**Tom Jones Foto**) provided this photograph for use by Winamac native, J Perry Gilliam. She talks about memories the photo evokes: "holding hands, first kisses, shooting stars, sharing elephant ears, group photos, gently falling snowflakes while watching the sun go down, fireworks, worm hunting, tubing, fishing, picnics, long walks and short strolls, shared secrets & stories, birthday parties, family reunions, county fairs, power of the past, meeting for lunch and that funny feeling in your tummy when walking across (before the new cables were put in and before the old boards were replaced)."

Thank you for sharing your

Mr. Jones gave permission to the Memorial Swinging Bridge Project to use this photo in 2019.

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*Give A Gift That Keeps On Giving*



*Buy A Light and Light Up Our Legacy!*

## Pulaski County's "Gold Star" List

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Part 2 - Part 1 published in December Newsletter, [find here](#). To be concluded in February.

WILLIAM L. HOFFMAN,  
11th Co., 3d Tr. B., 158th  
Depot Brigade: died at  
Winamac, Ind., January 14,  
1919.

ALFRED J. HARTWICK,  
Field Artillery, Hospital Corps  
No. 54: died from pneumonia  
at Mesves Hospital Center,  
France, September 13, 1918.

RALPH C. KELLER, Co. D,  
127th Reg., 32d Div.: killed in  
action October 19, 1918.

LESLIE H. KOSTER,  
National Army, Provost  
Guard Co.: died from  
pneumonia at Camp Taylor,  
Ky., October 12, 1918.

EVERETT E. KNEBEL, Co. E,  
207th Infantry: wounded in  
action and died from  
pneumonia at Mesves  
Hospital Center, France,  
December 21, 1918.

LOUIS A. KRIPISCH, 38th  
Radio Co., U.S. Marines,  
American Legation, Pekin,  
China: died from pneumonia  
at Pekin, China, February 18,  
1920.

WILLIAM McKINLEY, Co. I,  
18th U.S. Infantry: killed in  
action at Argonne, France,  
October 4, 1918.

HERMAN C. MALCHOW, Co.  
C, 364th Infantry: wounded  
October 7, 1918, and died in  
France October 10, 1918.

OLLIE NICKERSON, died  
from automobile accident at  
Camp Merritt, New Jersey,  
April 28, 1919.

MARTIN J. O'BRIEN, Co. A,  
2d Reg. Ordnance Training  
Dept.: died from pneumonia  
at Camp Hancock, Ga.,  
January 8, 1919.

ADOLPH G. OLSON, Co. C,  
5th Limited Service  
Regiment: died from  
pneumonia at Camp Grant,  
Ill., October 6, 1918.

RAYMOND PFOST, Co. F,  
162d Infantry, A.E.F.: killed  
in action in France, July 18,  
1918.

*An overwhelming number of servicemen from The Great War died of pneumonia and related diseases during the 1918 Pandemic. Read about it [in this post](#).*

## Photo Gallery



If you have photographs to share, sent them **via email**.



Beautiful time-lapse photograph from John Downing, posted to Facebook.



The Model Bridge at Pulaski Lights, photo from Greg Henry.



Cindy Hickle provided photos of her grandchildren enjoying the bridge.



Diesel's a good boy!





Greg Henry shared photographs of the bridge in January snow.



Winamac Class of 2011. Photos provided by Greg Henry.

Make your own memory, as Melvin & Marsha Good have done. Take a photo of yourself on the bridge, and send it to us!





Do we ever get tired of photos of the bridge in snow? These stunning photos are from Mike and Peggy Vasa.

## Donate "Just Because"

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**February 2021**



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## MILITARY MOMENT

### **Pulaski County Democrat April 9, 1903**

Charles Umphrey, an aged resident of Van Buren township, died Monday at the home of his son John, from diseases incident to old age. His age was eighty-seven years, and he had been a resident of the county for many years. He was a veteran of both the Mexican and Civil Wars, and was well known all over that corner of the county. The funeral was held at Thornhope yesterday.

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Last month in **Military Moment**, we had this to say about a veteran, from The Winamac Journal March 24, 1883: Mr. N. B. Barron, the reliable and efficient pension and bounty agent, of Logansport, has secured pensions for a large number of Pulaski county soldiers. The last one is a pension for Jasper N. Brown, of Winamac, who was a member of Co G, 51st Ind

regiment. He will receive \$4 per month, dating from November 12, 1864, which will aggregate about \$900.

We received the following from David Budd.

Here is a photo of Jasper Brown, who you mention in your newsletter. He was my great-great grandfather. His daughter, Emma, married Frank Agnew. They were my Mom's mother's parents. I think my girls and I are his only descendants still living in Pulaski County.

Jasper's Co G of the 51st was from Cass County. He lived near Metea and moved to Winamac after the war. The 51st was part of "The Lightning Mule Brigade". A colossal failure, but an interesting footnote in Civil War history.

Jasper is buried near the crypt east of Spangler Hill.



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## Did You Forget Valentine's Day?

Buy a light. It's quick! You will receive a certificate via email that can be printed and mailed or framed. Let that special person join you in support of the bridge!



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WILLIAM PETERSON, died from pneumonia at Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, September 23, 1918.

WILLIAM REECE, died at Liverpool, England.

WILLIAM E. ROE, Co. F, 28th Infantry: wounded in action October 5, 1918, and died in Mobile Hospital No. 2, Chateau de Salvage, Meuse, October 6, 1918.

ALVA SHRADER, wounded in action and died at Fort Sheridan, Ill., April 29, 1919.

CHARLES A. SMITH, Co. G, 28th Infantry: died from shrapnel wounds at Chateau Thierry, France, May 21, 1918.

GUY A. TUNIS, Co. D, 129th Infantry: killed in action, October 12, 1918.

JESSE W. TUNIS, Co. G, 115th Infantry: killed in action near Mollyville Farm, October 25, 1918.

EDMUND G. WAGNER, Headquarter Co., 47th Infantry: killed in action near St. Thiault, France, August 10, 1918.

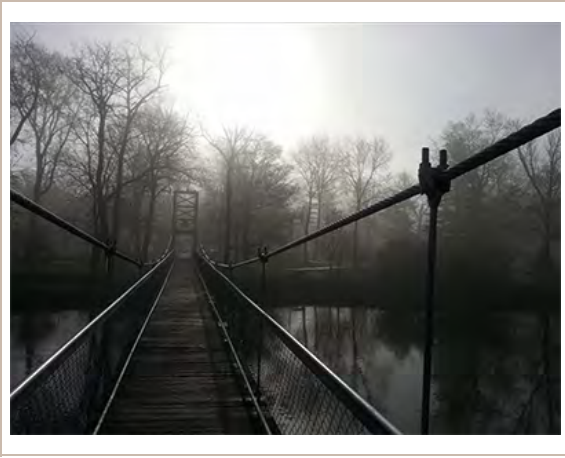
ROY WARFIELD, Co. F, 1st Infantry: killed in action at Chateau Thierry, France, September 26, 1918.

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## Photo Gallery

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The January newsletter had several snow photos. We thought it was time for some fog. The photo of the spiderweb (lower right) is thrilling! The "fog" photos are from Mike & Peggy Vasa.



And after that are some photos of park fun! The photos are from Nora Chambers, but she does not know who the artists are. Her photos were taken at night.



Greg Henry captured a creature in the park as well, and some outstanding photos of an icy, sunny day. Notice how the river reflects the deep blue sky.

Just as it reflects the blue sky, it will reflect the lights once they are installed.





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**1939: Distant Thunder**

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## *Military History Moment*

*From PROGRESS OF PULASKI COUNTY, Pulaski County Centennial August 17 - 20, 1939, Ten Decades of Development.*

### **The Early Years**

The first military organization in Pulaski county of which there is any record was organized about the year 1842 or '43, when a company known as the "Winamac Rifle Rangers" was formed at the county seat. Rufus Brown was captain, Stephen Bruce first lieutenant, Frederick Klinger second lieutenant, Job Holmes ensign. Some of the parades of the company were popular attractions. But after a short time the interest waned, and nothing more in the

military line was done until the Mexican war broke out in 1846, when efforts were made to get up another organization. But this failed.

So far as known, no man then a resident of Pulaski county served in the Mexican war. Companies were organized at Logansport and at Crown Point, and it is presumed that these contained some men who had lived in this county before that time, although not residents when they enlisted. Numerous men who served in the Mexican war moved to Pulaski county afterwards. Among such whose names have been recalled are John P. Liming, Zemariah Williamson, Peter Lane, O. H. P. Grover, Charles Humphrey, J. B. Agnew Sr., John Hodges, E. P. Potter, Charles Hathaway, G. H. Barnett, Francis H. Snyder, a Mr. Updegraff and a Mr. Phipps.

In 1852 the state legislature ordered that each congressional district should organize its militia, and the auditor of this county, by direction of the commissioners, secured from Indianapolis the quota of arms due the county under the law. A company was formed - perhaps more than one - but in four or five years the movement was again abandoned, and the muskets were returned to the state capital. After the war of the rebellion, which will be mentioned [in a later newsletter], there was a subsequent reorganization of the militia here in 1876, when more arms were secured from the state, but again the movement lasted only about three years. In 1898, when war was declared against Spain, a volunteer company was organized in Winamac and the men went to Indianapolis, but the company did not have the required number and was not mustered in.

## Photo Gallery

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The photo above was captured by Tara Small, and the one to the right by Jon Frain. They were gracious enough to share!







Keep your eyes open for more information regarding this print, by Don Kegaris.

This was just a couple of years ago. The joys of having a park in a horseshoe bend of the river.



It doesn't look this "springy" yet, but it will soon! Janet Onken sent these photos, with the green o' the Irish.



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**April 2021**



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**TIPPY'S**

### **Two fun things at once!**

Sunday, April 25, 2021  
Register by 5:00; Games begin at 5:30

\$50 for a team of 4, funds going to a great cause! (The Project!)  
First prize \$100!

Each team will register with one email address, that address to be used to link your cell phone to the game. (One phone per team.)



Pre-register [HERE!](#)

For social distancing, we are limiting the number of teams to 20. Masks are recommended.

If you do not pre-register (and arrive by 5:00), you will be allowed to join on a first-come-first-served basis.

We'll allow plenty of time to play the game, eat, drink and make merry!

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### **Year By Year**

**1940: The Draft**

## *We Love Our Donors*



This donation came in last year! \$3,000 from Bonnell Grain Handling. Thank you, Tyler Hanson, Ryan Nethercutt, and everyone at BGHI!

We were grateful to receive both a donation from LightStream, represented here by Brent Gillum, and a pledge to continue their support for the next two years. Thank you!



Thank you, Winamac Lions Club! \$1,000! From left to right, Cody Jennings, Angie Jennings, Jeremy Balsley, Judy Heater, Alvin Parish (both a Lion and a Project member), Brenda Henry (Project member), Greg Henry (Project member), Don Thompson, Connie Roe, Kevin Roe & Karlene Roe.

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# Military History Moment

*From the Winamac Republican, May 1902 (Francesville Column) regarding the Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Monument on the circle in Indianapolis (two separate articles):*

The following veterans left for Indianapolis Tuesday to attend the unveiling of the monument: Capt. J. W. McMurray, Harvey Artist, Stephen Eldridge, Stephen Thrasher, Samuel Petra, Squire Spence, Andrew Hubbard.

E. Whitted, H. W. Bledsoe, W C. Mallon and Chas. Hubbard attended the unveiling of the monument at Indianapolis this week.

*The monument was dedicated on May 15, 1902.*

*Learn more about that beautiful structure [HERE](#).*

*From PROGRESS OF PULASKI COUNTY, Pulaski County Centennial August 17 - 20, 1939, Ten Decades of Development.*

## **The War Of The Rebellion, Part 1**

*Part 2 will appear in the May E-Newsletter.*

Pulaski county, like others all over the country, was much concerned in the events leading up to the war of the rebellion, and there was a sharp division of sentiment upon the question of states' rights and secession. The fall of Fort Sumter came as a distinct shock, and within a week after the news was received a meeting was held in the court house at Winamac to consider the president's call for 75,000 men. It is said that about 400 people assembled - quite a crowd for that day - and speeches were made by Dr. F. B. Thomas, James W. Eldridge, Byron T. Lane, W. C. Barnett, H. P. Rowan, A. I. Gould, W. S. Huddleston Sr., Stephen Bruce and others. A committee was appointed to draft resolutions, which expressed loyalty and determination, although there were some at the meeting who sincerely felt that the north was exceeding its rights.

Within another week about fifteen men left the county to join the 9th regiment at Logansport, for three months' service. During the next few weeks about as many more three months men went from this county. It was the general belief at that time that the rebellion would be brought to a close by the three months men, and there was no organized effort at enlistment until the fall of 1861, when Dr. F. B. Thomas was commissioned to raise a company for three years' service. Meetings were held all over the county, and the company was quickly raised. Dr. Thomas was elected captain, George Burson first lieutenant, and James Brown second lieutenant. It was known as Co. H of the 46th Indiana, and was ordered to the front soon after being mustered in on November 5.

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Greg Henry captured a beautiful sunrise.

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### The Man Behind The Bridge: R. E. Nutt

A little bit of research on the Memorial Swinging Bridge raised questions about the man who built it, R. E. Nutt. First, a testament to this man's acumen.

[READ MORE...](#)



*Photo courtesy Pulaski County Public Library*

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**TRIVIA**  
Night

**TIPPY'S**

**Oh, the Drama! Oh, the Heartbreak!**

We gathered, we played we had fun! Eventually, 13 teams played the game.

It was touch and go. Teams hit the leaderboard and fell off. But eventually, we had a winner!

- 1st Place: The Dixie Chix
- 2nd Place: Justice League
- 3rd Place: 3 Gals & A Pal
- 4th Place: Half & Half

Thank you all, for supporting the Project and Tippy's!



**SAVE THE DATE! Round 2 on Sunday, June 13!**

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### **Year By Year**

**1941: Preparing For War**

## *What Do You Mean? Lights?*





We won't share electrical specifications, leaving that to the experts. But if you thought we were "stringing holiday lights" on the bridge, think again!

### Verticals & Cables

The computer-managed lighting system on the suspension and suspender cables will have the ability to glow in multiple colors.

They are hooded LED lights and have a rated life of 50,000 hours. That's about ten to eleven years averaging twelve hours per night, but they won't be on for more than five to seven hours a night. They carry a five-year warranty.



### Towers & Underneath

Computer-managed, these lights will have the ability to glow in multiple colors.

The fixtures have a rated life of 150,000 hours. That's about twenty-five to thirty years averaging twelve hours per night, but they won't be on for more than five to seven hours per night. They carry a five-year warranty.

Tower lights above, underneath lights...



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## Special event coming up?

No matter what the occasion, the gift will live on forever if you make a contribution in the name of your loved one.

- Birthdays and anniversaries
- Graduations and holidays
- Valentine's, Mothers' or Fathers' Day
- "Just because"

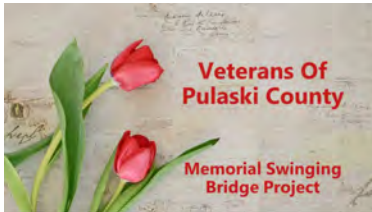
## Do it here!



Thank you, Mill Creek Gardens, for your generous contribution to the Memorial Swinging Bridge Project! You have helped to Light Up Our Legacy!

Pictured: Top: Ginger Reams, Pam Dooley, Aaron Paulson. Left to Right: Brenda and Greg Henry, Sue and Jim Kast.

*Requesting Photos*



We are requesting photos of veterans of all service eras.

The Bridge was dedicated on July 4, 1923 and was named "Memorial" in honor of all veterans from Pulaski County, from the Civil War onward. One way the Project will honor veterans is through a presentation that will be set to music written by a local artist.

To date, we have used photos of the photos hanging in the Atrium of the Courthouse. There are some issues. One issue is that not all servicemen and women are represented. The second is that our unskilled volunteers are taking photos of photos behind a glass case, and ... well ... that's not optimal!

If you have a photo of yourself or your family member in uniform, please EMAIL it to [info@memorialswingingbridge.com](mailto:info@memorialswingingbridge.com). Please include the era in which the veteran served.



## Military History Moment

### Local News

Memorial services were held here Friday morning in the usual patriotic way.

The surviving members of the G.A.R and the Spanish American war congregated at the I.O.O.F. hall, from which they proceeded to the Rees cemetery.

Ritualistic services were held there,

*From PROGRESS OF PULASKI COUNTY, Pulaski County Centennial August 17 - 20, 1939, Ten Decades of Development.*

### The War Of The Rebellion, Part 2

*Part 1 appeared in the April E-Newsletter. Check it out [here](#).*

Previous to and during [the organization of a Pulaski county company], however, a number of men left Pulaski county to join companies and regiments organized at other places. The county was comparatively small in point of population, and could not furnish many full companies, so volunteers hastened to other points and were credited to other counties, while in reality they belonged to Pulaski. At the reorganization of the 9th (which the first fifteen volunteers from here had joined [in Logansport]), it is said that fully seventy members were from Pulaski County.

During the summer of 1862 recruiting officers from other parts of the state visited the county, and "war meetings" were held in towns and school houses. Men went from here to enter various regiments. Dr.



and inspiring addresses were delivered by Rev. George Cramer and Rev. J. C. Whitt.

*Pulaski County Democrat: Francesville column June 5, 1902*

James W. Selders of Winamac was authorized to raise a company, and was commissioned captain.

A gentleman who made close inquiry into the matter in the early eighties estimated that Pulaski county furnished 1166 men to the army of the North during the civil war, including about 100 men who had left this county to enlist elsewhere.

There were Pulaski county men in the 9th, 12th, 13th, 15th, 17th, 20th, 26th, 29th, 42nd, 46th, 48th, 63d, 87th, 127th, 128th, 132d and 151st.

But two full companies were organized in the county. They were Co. H of the 46th and Co. B of the 87th.

Of Co. H the captains were F. B. Thomas, George Burson, James W. Brown and James F. Mitchell. Captains of Co. B were James W. Selders, George W. Baker and William W. Agnew.

## Photo Gallery

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Photo of bridge on the other side of the new pickle ball courts, from Greg Henry.



The tradition continues! Prom photos on the bridge! Submitted by Greg Henry.



The model bridge visited the car show in downtown Winamac on May 8. Thank you, Town employees Jake Berger and Waylon Burke, for hooking up electric for lights,

and to Steven Wagner and Gavun Henry for hauling the model and putting it into place.

In the window at Tippy's...



Greg Henry's grandson Tyler Schaffer and great granddaughter Emori.





Greg Henry provided these photos, working with The Tribe, cleaning up the Artesian Well park, and the bridge on that side. It was an Earth Day celebration!



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## Memorial Swinging Bridge Project

### Hoosiers at War: An Overview of Indiana during World War II

*The Memorial Swinging Bridge was dedicated to persons serving in the military from Pulaski County, but all of those persons also lived in Indiana. The following article was found on the in.gov website and was written by James Madison.*

World War II changed everything in Indiana, sometimes temporarily, sometimes permanently. The necessities of war--the overwhelming need to defeat the Axis--set the boundaries that shaped lives. The oft-repeated question, "Don't you know there's a war on?," was really a statement. Everyone knew.

The lives most disrupted by war were those of the Hoosier men and women who served in the military forces. Long weeks of hard training in dusty military camps were a prelude to travels and challenges spread across the country and around the world. Far from home, young soldiers could only dimly remember when life included lazy front-

### The Man Behind The Bridge: R. E. Nutt Part 2

A little bit of research on the Memorial Swinging Bridge raised questions about the man who built it, R. E. Nutt.



Part 2 of this 3-part series focuses on the information we could find related to his professional background, his abilities, and the skills that made it possible for him to build a bridge that will reach its centenary anniversary two years from now.

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porch gossip, amusement rides at the state fair, high school sweethearts.

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Invite Others To Join

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...**

...to sit with the Model Bridge at the Pulaski County 4-H Fair, hand out brochures, tell people about the Project, accept contributions.

Saturday, June 26: Tractor Pull Night

Sunday, June 27: Miss Pulaski County Queen Pageant Night

Tuesday, June 29: Parade

If you can take a shift, **please send an email.**

### **BEFORE THE BRIDGE...**

Pedestrians crossed from town to the peninsula (first, Nye Park, then the Park Association's river park) via fords or temporary wooden bridges. The bridges would be placed "in season" at one ford or another. The fords - and bridges - were typically placed at the foot of Pearl Street or Main Street. As we know, the bridge was eventually situated at the foot of Main Street.

The postcard below, found online at The Indiana Album (which encourages use of their photos) shows the "Perl [sic] St. ford." The postcard is postmarked November 25, 1908.



## *Greatest Generation of Pulaski County*

Our Boys contains stories of the members of the military from the Greatest Generation of Pulaski County. It was built and is managed by Pulaski County Native Jim Phillips. Each

month, we will link to his website (bottom left) and to a specific story or section (bottom right) on the site. Take your time grazing.

## Our Boys

The veterans of World War II earned the title, "Greatest Generation". Nearly 75% were born between 1916 and 1927. They were children during the "Noble Experiment" and the "Great Depression", and faced a World War as adults.

Except for those who knew them intimately, their stories are unknown. Today, nearly all are gone, as are their contemporaries and elders. Except for a few family members, none of us can know anything about them, **except what can be gleaned from the public record.**

## Year By Year

**1942: The First Year**

# Donations & Memorials



Your contribution would mean a lot!

Please go to our **Donation page** or use this QR Code. Make it a one-time gift, or make it monthly.

Consider making it in honor of or in memory of someone special.

Or make a "gift in lieu" of typical birthday or holiday gifts. Especially for the person who "has everything."

## You can own a piece of the bridge!

You can buy-a-light for \$50.

- Do it for yourself.
- Do it with a group (for example, a fourth grade class can buy one and own it forever; an alumni class can buy one for each class member).
- Give it as a gift.
- Buy one or more for a veteran.

## Do it here!

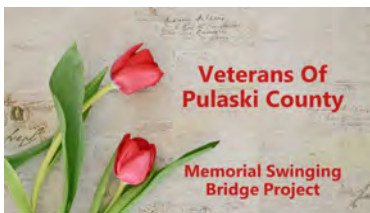


*The Memorial Swinging Bridge Project is sponsored by the VFW Post 1728 of Winamac IN, EIN 35-6042820, a 501(c)19 organization, and as such, any contribution is tax deductible. No goods or services are provided in exchange for contributions.*





## Requesting Photos



We are requesting photos of veterans of all service eras.

The Bridge was dedicated on July 4, 1923 and was named “Memorial” in honor of all veterans from Pulaski County, from the Civil War onward. One way the Project will honor veterans is through a presentation that will be set to music written by a local artist.

To date, we have used photos of the photos hanging in the Atrium of the Courthouse. There are some issues. One issue is that not all servicemen and women are represented. The second is that our unskilled volunteers are taking photos of photos behind a glass case, and ... well ... that's not optimal!

If you have a photo of yourself or your family member in uniform, please EMAIL it to [info@memorialswingingbridge.com](mailto:info@memorialswingingbridge.com). Please include the era in which the veteran served.





Sue Haselby made gifts in memory of her late husband, Brian (Fred) Haselby, and his parents, Sam & Babe Haselby. Thank you!



Wayne Bonnell designated a gift from the Bonnell Family Golf Fund, maintained by the Community Foundation of Pulaski County.



Buck Parcel (Korean War Veteran), Elaine Voltz, Carolyn Boos, Brenda Henry.

The First Presbyterian Church of Winamac presented a very nice contribution to the Project. Pictured: Pastor Nancy Brinklow, Janice Leadbetter, Ryan Hoefflicker, Nicole Hoefflicker, Ginger Hoefflicker, Richard Leadbetter (WWII veteran), Roger Hoefflicker, Greg Henry, Rana Parish, Alvin Parish,

We were pleased to receive a Round Up Contribution from Winamac Ace Hardware / Keepsakes. Pictured here are Tim Wiegand, Greg Henry and Holly Weaver.



## *Military History Moment*

### **Do You Know Who This Veteran Is?**

*From PROGRESS OF PULASKI COUNTY, Pulaski County Centennial August 17 - 20, 1939, Ten Decades of Development.*

**Company To Mexican Border**





This handsome gentleman served in World War I. His photo is in the Courthouse, but it does not bear a name.

If you know who this is, please **send an email**.

During the latter part of the year 1915 a group of Winamac men became active in the formation of a unit of the Indiana National Guard. The organization, known as Company L, First Indiana Infantry, was mustered into service by Col. George Freyermuth on December 21, 1915. William S. Huddleston Jr. was elected captain; John G. Capouch, first lieutenant; Jerry G. Bostick, second lieutenant.

When trouble with Mexican bandits threatened to disrupt peace between the United States and Mexico during the summer of 1916 the Company was called into active service and sent to a camp near Brownstown, Texas, where it remained on guard duty for about eight months. The order to call the company into camp in Winamac was received by Captain Huddleston on June 19, 1916. The organization entrained on June 23 for Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, where it remained until July 11, reaching its destination in Texas on July 16. A number of men, particularly married ones, were honorably discharged from the Company during the next few months and returned home. The others remained until spring, reaching Winamac on the return trip March 14, 1917.



Winamac Militia members gathered for this photo in June 1916. Many of these same men reported for duty the following spring, when the United States joined The Great War.

*Photo from Images of America Pulaski County, by Karen Clem Fritz, Arcadia Publishing, 2009.*

**TRIVIA**  
Night

**TIPPY'S**

We're taking a hiatus until the fall, but we had one final evening of heartbreak and drama! The winners, Half & Half, stayed on top or close to it for most of the game. The PP's were always in hot pursuit, followed by the Grandparents. The team coming in at fourth place, VFW, frankly, just allowed the others to win.

And here are the winners, HALF & HALF!





# Photo Gallery

If you have photographs, please share **via email**.



Holden Frain is a budding photographer. He snapped this when his 1st grade took a class trip to the park.



Greg Henry took this photo that includes a reflection of the bridge in the river.



It's Spring! At the end of the year, school classes made trips to the park and the bridge. To the right are a family of geese, and Diesel, the mighty dog, guarding the bridge from the geese! Photos from Greg Henry.





Kim Schramm is one of the community's amateur photographers who is able to capture the bridge at unique angles.

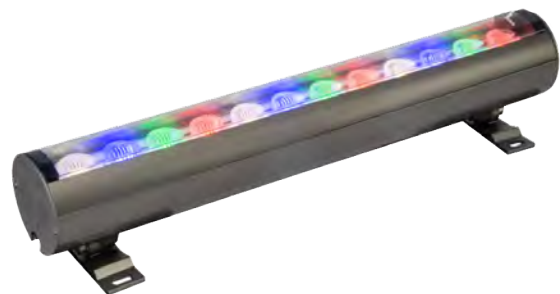
## *What Do You Mean? Lights?*

The computer-managed lighting system on the suspension and suspender cables will have the ability to glow in multiple colors. They are hooded LED lights and have a rated life of 50,000 hours. That's about ten to eleven years averaging twelve hours per night, but they won't be on for more than five to seven hours a night.

The lights on the towers and underneath the bridge will have a rated life of 150,000 hours. That's about twenty-five to thirty years averaging twelve hours per night, but again, they won't be on for more than five to seven hours per night. All of the lighting fixtures carry a five-year warranty.



Tower lights.



Lights for underneath the bridge.